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### **Annual Workplace Safety and Health Congress in Nashville**

*Delegates can choose from more than 60 sessions*

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Governor Phil Bredesen declares July 21-25 as Safety and Health in the Workplace Week, to coincide with the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Tennessee Safety and Health Congress co-sponsored by the Tennessee Occupational Safety and Health (TOSHA) Division of the state Department of Labor & Workforce Development and the Tennessee Chapters of the American Society of Safety Engineers.

Employers and employees interested in making workplace safety a top concern will gather at the Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center July 20-23 for the yearly conference, which features safety experts leading more than 60 workshops on topics such as safety and health management, industrial hygiene issues, TOSHA updates, healthcare and construction issues.

“This conference has become one of the premier safety and health events in the country,” said Tennessee Labor & Workforce Development Commissioner James Neeley. “As well as providing the opportunity to attend sessions conducted by the best safety and health professionals, the conference showcases the latest innovations in products and services focusing on workplace safety and health.”

The conference is designed for safety managers, supervisors, plant managers, safety committee members, industrial hygienists, human resource managers, risk manager, health-care providers and employees.

Once again, the special Federal OSHA Training Institute's approved “10-Hour General Industry Safety & Health Course” will be offered among the workshops at this year's Congress. Participants in this course, which is recognized by the US Department of Labor, are entitled to all other Congress functions.

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“Our mission in TOSHA is to work every day to make the workplace safer for the three million working men and women in Tennessee,” said Neeley. “We conduct on-site inspections and provide technical assistance and rapid response to employee concerns over safety and health issues, as well as train more than 6,000 employers and employees each year on safety measures. This annual Congress is just one of our outreach programs.”

More than 1200 people will be attending the Congress. Registrations will be taken on-site the day of the Congress. The delegate registration fee is \$345, which includes admission to the following activities: workshops, opening and closing sessions, exhibit hall, three evening receptions, three continental breakfasts, and two luncheons. To register or to find out more information about this year’s Congress, go to [www.tnsafetycongress.org](http://www.tnsafetycongress.org) or call (615)741-7143.

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